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SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

On September 19, 2007, Applicants' representative, Ronald Schoenbaum, conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Clement Graham to discuss the outstanding rejection under section 101. An agreement was reached to amend claims 9, 49 and 77, and Mr. Schoenbaum authorized Examiner Graham to make the agreed-upon changes by Examiner's Amendment.

On December 4, 2007, Examiner Graham and Supervisory Patent Examiner Calvin Hewitt called Mr. Schoenbaum to indicate that additional issues exist with respect to claim 9. Specifically, Mr. Hewitt indicated that he considered the language "the content provider site comprising ... to collect payments" to be non-limiting since the content provider site is not an element of the claim. In addition, Mr. Hewitt indicated his view that claim 9, as so construed, may not be patentably distinct from U.S. Pat. 5,892,900 to Ginter. In connection with this issue, Mr. Hewitt identified Figures 72A-72D of Ginter as potentially being relevant.

On January 25, 2008, Mr. Schoenbaum sent Examiner Graham a proposed method claim to replace claim 9. In a subsequent telephone conversation, Examiner Graham suggested including the proposed claim in a formal amendment.

No other claims or references were discussed, and no other agreement was reached.